

## Palmers Green Safer Neighbourhood Team News

Burglary was down again in August and one less than last year. Now the school holidays are over and we are heading towards Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas it's time to start thinking about adjusting or purchasing some timer switches for your lights as the nights draw in again. It also has begun to get a bit cooler so check your windows are shut properly and locked. With the dark nights approaching please check to see all your security lights are working.

The catalytic converter thieves have again been active, again going for the Honda Jazz and Toyota Auris with one VW Polo.

Thefts of motor vehicle have seen the biggest increase during the year and there were more than thefts from motor vehicles. The majority seem to be older vehicles. A steering lock is a good purchase for all vehicles.

There have been a few thefts of property on the street. One lady was walking down Hedge Lane using her phone when a male snatched it from her hand and jumped into a car and drove off and another had a purse taken from her bag. On Shapland Way a female riding a bike snatched a bag off another's arm as she rode past. Please be aware of your surroundings when using your phone or carrying your bag when on the

street. It also seems the cash thieves are back again as an elderly lady had an envelope of cash taken from her bag whilst standing in the queue in The Post Office.

There are a couple of men mostly described as Asian approaching elderly blue badge holders in Lodge Drive Car Park and telling them they should have registered their badges when parking and they now have to go to Palmers Green Station Car Park to put their card in the machine to avoid a large fine. All the victims have then let the men in their cars and driven them to the Station Car Park and put their cards and PIN in the parking machine only to have the machine swallow their cards. One victim lost a number of cards and had thousands taken from his accounts. Please warn elderly relatives and neighbours to read the car park instructions and not listen to the helpful scammers.

After reports of drug use and or dealing in the alleyways behind Green Lanes during a patrol a couple of weeks ago your ward officers came across two men with a large bag of cannabis. The men were arrested for possession with intent to supply.

**Welcome to the latest Palmers Green Ward Safer Neighbourhoods Newsletter. This edition covers the crime figures on Palmers Green Ward for August 2019.**

## **Crimes Recorded this month**

There were 115 recorded crimes on the Ward during this period.

### **Burglary**

There was 6 residential burglaries and 2 attempted residential burglaries this month.

**DAVEY CLOSE**, between 8am and 3pm on 1<sup>st</sup> August. A pram was taken from the locked communal area of flats.

**NEW PARK AVENUE**, between 2am and 2.25am on 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Two men on bicycles approached the house. One kept watch while the other threw a brick at a ground floor front window, smashing it and reached through and undid the window. The men were then disturbed by neighbours turning lights on and rode off.

**FIRS LANE**, between 3pm, 7<sup>th</sup> August and 4pm, 8<sup>th</sup> August. A rear patio door was smashed and the house untidily searched. Cash and jewellery were taken.

**FIRS LANE**, at 1.36pm on 5<sup>th</sup> August. A pane of glass in a UPVC front door was smashed and the door forced to gain entry. The burglars exited via a rear first floor bedroom window when disturbed. The alarm box was removed from the front of the house, possibly from the front first floor bedroom window.

**GREEN LANES**, between 2am and 1pm on 8<sup>th</sup> August. Communal door lock was found to have been broken. No forced entry was made to any of the flats.

**LODGE DRIVE**, between 2pm and 5pm on 17<sup>th</sup> August. Communal door possibly left unlocked has been entered by an unknown person and a bicycle was taken.

**HEDGE LANE**, between 2.30am and 2.45am on 20<sup>th</sup> August. An unknown man

has attempted to force open a flat door leaving holes in the door. He ran off when confronted by the occupants.

**HEDGE LANE**, between 5.30pm and 10pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. A woman distracted the victim while the victim was in her front garden doing some gardening and an unknown person has entered the open front door. The victim's bedroom has been searched and her bank card taken along with some cash.

## **LIFT - LOCK – REMOVE**

**Please remember to double lock your front doors whether you have a UPVC door or have a Yale and mortice. If you also have a UPVC porch door then double lock that too. If you have the security installed, then please use it.**

**Please also consider the use of timer switches to light your houses up after dark if you are not yet home.**

**We still offer all residents the opportunity of having a crime prevention survey carried out on their home. Simply contact us via the details on this newsletter to arrange an appointment**



**PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOUBLE LOCKING A UPVC (THREE OR FIVE POINT LOCKING SYSTEM) DOOR.**

**If a UPVC door is not locked with a key the door is left very weakly secure with a very small piece of metal keeping it secure. This point on the doorframe near the lock is where the suspects target with their screwdrivers or crowbars and can pop your door open sometimes with very little effort.**

## Motor Vehicle Crime

There were 13 thefts from motor vehicles and 15 thefts of motor vehicles reported in August.

**THE ROWANS**, between 9pm, 1<sup>st</sup> August and 9.48am, 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Front and rear number plates were taken from a car.

**BARROWELL GREEN**, between 12.30am and 3pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Car was taken from location.

**PARK AVENUE**, between 8.30am, 3<sup>rd</sup> August and 8.15am, 4<sup>th</sup> August. Car was taken from location.

**NEW PARK AVENUE**, between 12pm, 4<sup>th</sup> August and 7.30am, 5<sup>th</sup> August. House was burgled during the early hours of the morning and it appears a spare car key was taken. The burglars returned and took the car.

**HAMILTON CRESCENT**, between 3pm and 7.30pm on 8<sup>th</sup> August. Car was taken from location.

**ECCLESBOURNE GARDENS**, between 8am and 5pm on 10<sup>th</sup> August. Catalytic converter was taken from underneath a car.

**HEDGE LANE**, between 9.30am and 6.30pm on 18<sup>th</sup> July (reported late). Vehicle was taken from location.

**OAKTHORPE ROAD**, between 8am and 8pm on 8<sup>th</sup> August. Vehicle was taken from location. Glass was found on the floor where it was parked.

**OAKTHORPE ROAD**, at 3pm on 12<sup>th</sup> August. Vehicle was taken from location. Glass was found on the floor where it was parked.

**HEDGE LANE**, 3.41am on 15<sup>th</sup> August. Car was taken from location.

**NEW PARK AVENUE**, between 11am, 16<sup>th</sup> August and 11am, 17<sup>th</sup> August. Car was found open after keys were found to be missing. The glove box had been opened and other compartments. Loose change was taken.

**OAKTREE AVENUE**, 3.20am on 20<sup>th</sup> August. Rear window was smashed on car and tool box taken from inside the boot.

**HAMILTON CRESCENT**, at 12.10am on 19<sup>th</sup> August. Two grinders were taken from the back of a van. The passenger door was found open.

**MUNSTER GARDENS**, between 9am and 11.45am on 20<sup>th</sup> August. Car was taken from location.

**THE LARCHES**, between 12pm, 29<sup>th</sup> July and 12pm, 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Front and rear number plates were taken.

**ASH GROVE**, between 8pm and 9pm, 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Motorbike was taken from location.

**DAVEY CLOSE**, between 9.30pm and 9.40pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Catalytic converter taken from underneath a vehicle.

**CONNAUGHT GARDENS**, between 9pm, 24<sup>th</sup> August and 6.30am, 25<sup>th</sup> August. Catalytic converter was taken from underneath vehicle.

**MINTERN CLOSE**, between 10.30am and 10.35am on 24<sup>th</sup> August. Catalytic converter was taken from underneath vehicle.

**DORCHESTER AVENUE**, between 12.05am, 19<sup>th</sup> August and 12.05am, 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Vehicle was taken from location.

**FARNDALE AVENUE**, between 6pm, 27<sup>th</sup> August and 8.10am, 28<sup>th</sup> August. Van was taken from location.

**HAZELWOOD LANE**, between 9pm, 27<sup>th</sup> August and 9am, 28<sup>th</sup> August. Car was taken from location.

**NEW RIVER CRESCENT**, between 3pm, 26<sup>th</sup> August and 9am, 28<sup>th</sup> August. Car was taken from location.

**HAZELWOOD LANE**, between 7pm, 27<sup>th</sup> August and 11am, 28<sup>th</sup> August. Car was taken from location.

**ALDERMANS HILL**, Morrisons Car Park, between 2.45pm and 3.19pm on 28<sup>th</sup> August. Catalytic converter was taken from underneath vehicle.

**BRIDGE DRIVE** outside Travis Perkins, at 3.30pm on 28<sup>th</sup> August. Catalytic converter was taken from underneath vehicle.

**CONNAUGHT GARDENS**, between 12.01am, 5<sup>th</sup> August and 12.01am, 27<sup>th</sup> August. Van was parked on Connaught Gardens near Hazelwood Lane while the victim was on holiday. Bumper and spare wheel had been taken on owner's return.

**HEDGE LANE**, between 3.20am and 3.30am on 30<sup>th</sup> August. Van was entered via the passenger door and tools were taken from back.

## Robbery

There were 4 robberies reported in August.

Near Morrisons, **ALDERMANS HILL**, at 5pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> August. The victim was approached on the footbridge on Aldermans Hill by three boys who approached him from behind. He was slapped around the face and instructed to hand over his possessions. He handed over a small amount of change but not his phone. The boys walked off towards Broomfield Park.

**FIRS LANE**, at 10pm on 27<sup>th</sup> August. The victim was in his car with two friends when a black car pulled up behind and a number of men got out and approached his car. One asked about the victim's watch and another suspect took the keys from the ignition through the open window. The victim and his friends got out the car and were chased away by the threat of violence. The suspects got into his car and drove it off along with the black car. The victim's iPhone was also in his car.

**CONNAUGHT GARDENS**, at 8pm on 28<sup>th</sup> August. The victims were approached by five males in a black car who took threatened them with violence when they refused to give them a chain. The victims' phones, a jacket and the chain were then taken.

**NEW PARK AVENUE**, at 1am on 31<sup>st</sup> August. The victims have been parked and sitting in their car when a car parked near them on the same

road. As the victims have walked towards their front door three men have got out of the other car wearing balaclavas and approached them and telling them to hand over the keys and threatening violence. The victim have thrown the car keys and run up the drive to the house. The males have driven off the victim's car along with the car they arrived in.



**MOTHER OF FOUR STOPS TEENAGE BURGLARS.**

**IF THE LIGHTS ARE ON IN THE STREET, LEAVE ONE ON IN THE HOUSE. AND FIGHT CRIME AFTER DARK.**

METROPOLITAN POLICE **BE SAFE**



**Keep your valuables safe**

- Burglars will look to steal anything from phones and laptops to jewellery, antiques and cash. Don't leave these or any keys on show or somewhere a burglar may find easily.
- Try not to keep large amounts of cash at home. Consider setting up direct debits or standing orders for any regular payments.
- If you have particular valuables or items of sentimental value in your home, consider keeping them inside a safe bolted to the floor or wall and not on display itself.
- Photograph and property mark your valuables with a forensic solution such as SmartWater. You can find out if you are eligible for a free pack by visiting: [www.met.police.uk/mettrace](http://www.met.police.uk/mettrace)

**What to do if you've been a victim**

If a bogus caller or distraction burglar has entered your home try not to touch anything, as there may be evidence that the police can use to identify the suspect.

You can report crime online at [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk) or call 101.

If you have been a victim of a bogus caller you can also contact Trading Standards via: [www.gov.uk/find-local-trading-standards-office](http://www.gov.uk/find-local-trading-standards-office)

If you feel threatened or in danger by the presence of any visitor call 999.

**In an emergency always call 999.**

For more crime prevention advice visit: [www.met.police.uk/crimeprevention](http://www.met.police.uk/crimeprevention)

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**3 STEP PROTECT**



**If in doubt, keep them out!**

**Fraudsters and thieves prey on people they think are vulnerable. Don't let them trick their way into your home.**







## “Cuppa with a Copper....”

**Come and say Hello, for help and advice on local issues**



### Up coming events

Our next contact points will be on:

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September**, 11am-12pm, contact point, Chi Chi's, Green Lanes N13

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October**, 9am-10am, Parkrun contact point, Grovelands Park N21

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October**, 3pm-4pm, contact point, Morrisons Café, Aldermans Hill N13

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**, 5pm-6pm, contact point, Costa, Green Lanes N13

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**, 11am-12pm, contact point, Chi Chi's, Green Lanes N13

Please come along and have a chat about crime or any other issues concerning policing in Palmers Green.

### Team Members

Based at Southgate Police Station your Dedicated Ward Officers (DWOs) on Palmers Green ward are:

PS Matt Bloomfield

PC Jon Howarth

PC Usman Siddiq

PCSO Jennifer Arkwright

We can be contacted via the telephone on:

**0208 721 2835** (please leave a message if no answer – name, number, address)

Or via email:

[Palmersgreen.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:Palmersgreen.snt@met.police.uk)

### Useful Contacts

#### 24/7 Police Station

- Edmonton Police station  
462 Fore Street, Edmonton N9 0PW

#### Contact Point

**Wednesday 6pm - 7pm and Saturday 2pm - 3pm**

- Dugdale Centre  
39 London Rd, Enfield, EN2 6DS

**999 – URGENT attendance required – Response time of under 15mins.**

**101 - Police required but not as an emergency Response and also to report crime**

**0208 721 2835 – Palmers Green Ward - residents, wishing to contact their Local Policing Team for advice/arrange a visit/ongoing neighbourhood problems, etc. Slow time or appointment driven police attendance or communication required. Please do not use this number to report crime as this phone is not answered 24/7**

**You can now report crime online at [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk) by clicking the Report button.**

**Don't forget to follow us on Twitter for crime prevention advice, local events and meetings.**

@MPSEnfield and Palmers Green Twitter  
@MPSPalmersGreen

In emergencies always call 999.  
Twitter is not staffed 24/7

Do not report crime on Enfield Twitter  
accounts. Report via @MettCC

We are also now on [www.nextdoor.co.uk](http://www.nextdoor.co.uk)  
under Enfield Police

If anyone would like a crime prevention survey please contact us via 0208 721 2835 or if  
you have access to a computer email us at [palmersgreen.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:palmersgreen.snt@met.police.uk)

Palmers Green page can be found on the Metropolitan Police website by visiting  
[www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk) scrolling down the page and typing Palmers Green in the find your area  
box.



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a real Met Police warrant card looks like?

The one BELOW is the real one. Check for the hologram on the warrant card, and the  
signature of the Commissioner NOT the holder.

